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1. "RUDE PRAVO" DECEMBER 1 CARRIES, AFTER TWO-DAY DELAY, SUMMARIES OF SPEECHES AT NOVEMBER 27-28 CC PLENUM BY PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL HUSAK AND SECRETARY BILAK. HUSAK'S SPEECH WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY ADDRESSED TO ECONOMY AND DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS, WHILE BILAK GAVE HARD-LINE ACCOUNT OF INTERNATIONAL SCENE WHICH LACKED ANY POSITIVE TONE RE RELATIONS WITH CAPITALIST WORLD EXCEPT IN CONTEXT OF CSCE/MBFR. IN PARTICULAR BILAK MADE FOLLOWING DIRECT ATTACK ON U.S.

OVER CHILE: "OUR PARTY AND ALL OUR PEOPLE CORRECTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE INITIATOR AND PATRON OF THE BLOOD-LETTING IN CHILE WAS NORTH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, ITS ESPIONAGE AGENCIES, AND ITS ALLIES IN DICTATORIAL STATES OF LATIN AMERICA."

2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE BILAK'S STATEMENTS PROVE CHANGE IN POSITIVE STANCE OF CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND HUSAK PERSONALLY TOWARD RELATIONS WITH U.S.--BILAK HAS RATHER CONSISTENT RECORD OF NASTY
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STATEMENTS ABOUT WEST-- BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT BILAK'S

STATEMENTS, AND PROMINENCE GIVEN THEM IN "RUDE PRAVO", SHOULD
BE IGNORED. WE PLAN TO EXPRESS INFORMALLY HERE OUR STRONG DISTASTE
FOR THIS PERFORMANCE.
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